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Art Unit	1637
Examiner Name	HASHEMI, S.
Attorney Docket Number	FORS-04965

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**Methods and Compositions for Detecting Target
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By: 

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Dear Examiner:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, in the above-identified application and is filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. A request for a one month extension of time is included, herewith.

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